(ii) To educate and motivate people about blood donation on a voluntary basis.

(iii) To provide adequate encouragement to voluntary donors.

(iv) To enforce quality control of blood in all its facets of collection, distribution and storage."

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is already implementing a scheme during the current Plan period on Development and Modernisations of Blood Banking and Transfusion Services with a view to meeting the requirements of blood in the country. A provision of Rs. 5 crores exists for this during the Seventh Plan period.

Measures against the AIDS

92. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state what measures are being taken by Government to fight AIDS?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): The following measures are being taken by Government to fight AIDS:

(1) A Cell has been established in the Directorate General of Health Services to coordinate AIDS Control activity in the country.

(2) 40 Surveillance Centre have been established in the country to screen high risk groups.

(3) All these centres have been provided with diagnostic reagents and equipment package have also been provided to most of them.

(4) Restrictions have been imposed on import of blood and blood products without AIDS clearance certificate.

(5) All the State Health authorities|hospitals|STD clinics have been alerted to be vigilant.

(6) All the blood banks have been instructed to screen the professional blood donors.

(7) All the State Health authorities have been advised to ensure strict sterilisation practics in hospitals and clinics and to use pre-sterilised disposable syringes and needles as far as possible.

(8) Guidelines have been sent to all the State Health authorities for health care personnel.

(9) All the mass media channels have been involved in educating the people on AIDS, its nature, transmission and prevention.

(10) *Foreigners*:

(i) New foreign students being admitted in any of the Indian Institutions are required to undergo AIDS test. Anybody found positive is repatriated to his country.

(ii) It has been decided to screen for AIDS foreigners intending to stay for more than one year in India. Members of the diplomatic missions and foreign journalists accredited to the PIB will, however, be exempted from the AIDS test at this stage. Anybody found positive is to be repatriated to his country.

Upgradation of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Andhra Pradesh

93. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Andhra Pradesh which have been upgraded in 1988-89; and